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RIPE BANANAS

TODAY 20c the dozen.

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ROSS, HIGGINS & Co.

Amusements Tonight.
Star Theater—Vaudeville.

Lodge Meetings Tonight.
Foresters, Court Astoria.
Knights of Pythias, Astor lodge.

Local Brevities.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Anton Zankich and Vimi Stanovich of Clifton.

Fishermen wanting lead call at 173 Tenth street; the junk house; also 1000 sacks for sale.

For good things to eat call at 523 Commercial or phone Main 681.
ASTORIA GROCERY.

We have just received a shipment of fine Norway Herring and Anchovies.
ASTORIA GROCERY.

Schlitz's beer made Milwaukee famous, and is having the same effect on the Grotto. Nothing better on the market.

The Occident (consorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

For wagons, buggies, plows, harrows and all kinds of farm tools and machinery see R. M. Gaston at 105 14th street, Astoria, Ore.

The First Lutheran church of Upper Astoria yesterday signed a contract for a new pipe organ which will be installed in the near future.

Sweet naval oranges from 15 to 45c per dozen. Plenty of good cooking apples at 50c per box.
ASTORIA GROCERY.

John Gleason, formerly a member of the Eagles band of Astoria, was killed in Seattle yesterday. No particulars of his death were received.

Dry-Sole—Will preserve the soles of the shoes and cause them to wear longer than they would without it. 25 cents a bottle. Peterson & Brown.

W. J. Hess has opened the cleanest and best appointed restaurant in Astoria at 120 Eleventh street. The best in the market, and the promptest service.

County Assessor Cornelius expects to complete the assessment roll this week. It will then be turned over to the sheriff and collection of taxes commenced.

The Grotto will supply patrons with delicious Tom and Jerry every day. The superior quality of goods which has made the Grotto popular, will be supplied.

The entertainment given by the reading club Monday night was at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Fulton. This was omitted from the report of the entertainment.

Ed Rose was arrested in the city yesterday by Chief Hallock upon a warrant sworn out in Portland charging him with larceny. A Portland officer arrived down yesterday and took him to Portland. The exact charge against him is not known.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

The board of Oregon pilot commissioners held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon. Routine business was transacted. Licenses were renewed for Captains H. T. Groves, D. J. McVicar, M. D. Staples and R. E. Howes.

Gertrude Kelly, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kelly of Skamokawa, died in this city yesterday morning of peritonitis. Her body was taken to her home yesterday for interment. The funeral will be held today from the family residence.

Frank Patton and wife have returned from a month's visit to Southern California, having had a very enjoyable time. Mr. Patton states that recent rains will insure a large crop this year. The crops have been a failure for several years on account of the lack of rain.

Tillamook has raised the license on dogs to \$10 and \$15. The dogs are now kicking because local option carried in that city and they threaten to exterminate the dog catcher. Insurance on Tillamook dogs has gone up 100 per cent. It also threatens to reduce the price of beef.

The examination of Mrs. Bird of Seaside was held yesterday by Dr. Lewis at Seaside, who submitted a report to the county court. Upon the report she was adjudged insane and Sheriff Linville went down yesterday to bring her to Astoria. She will be taken to Salem tonight.

A good quality of coal is the most satisfactory and economical fuel you can use. Poor coal, like poor wood, is only an aggravation. High grade coal is far cheaper than any other fuel. Elmore & Co. sell only the best and deliver it in any part of the city, in sacks or lumps. Ring up phone 1961.

H. R. Hoefler is making extensive improvements in his place. The room now occupied by him and the one formerly occupied by the railroad company as a ticket office will be thrown into one large room and a popular cafe opened. It will be the finest on the coast. There has never been any such place in Astoria and the efforts of Mr. Hoefler will be appreciated.

The county saw mill, which has been in operation all winter near Jewell has cut over 300,000 feet of lumber, most of which has been put on the county road. The mill will continue operations until March 1 by which time sufficient lumber will be cut to plank the road to the forks. This with the work to be done by the county court will give a good road to the Nehalem valley.

Mayor J. H. Johansen of Seaside was in the city yesterday. He reports that the town is growing and prosperous. The monthly payroll of the mill amounted to \$7000 for last month and has put considerable money in circulation. There is considerable opposition to the Malarkey bill incorporating West Seaside, as it provides for saloons, something which the people of Seaside are opposed to.

The contest for the best poem of two verses on the Monarch range, in which a prize is being offered by Chas. Heilborn & Son, will close Saturday night. A number of poems have been received. They will be opened Saturday evening by a committee consisting of three of Astoria's school-teachers who will pass on the merits of the poems. Considerable interest is being taken in the contest by the school children.

The transcript in the county court house suit has been completed and was certified to by County Clerk Clinton yesterday and sent to Salem to be filed in the supreme court. An effort will be made to secure an early hearing in the case, and as it is an important measure, and no briefs are to be filed, it is thought probable that the court will set the case down for hearing during the present month. Upon the decision of the supreme court rests the question of constructing the court house. If the court should hold that the county had no authority to create the indebtedness, no work can be done on the building until there are sufficient funds in the treasury to complete it, which will take at least 10 years.

The report circulated on the streets yesterday that A. B. Hammond and Hon. C. W. Fulton would be indicted for complicity in the lands frauds is without foundation and emanated in the sensational mind of a reporter of the Portland Telegram. Mr. Hammond has not induced any person to settle upon government lands, although he has bought several tracts. Mr. Fulton was not his attorney in any of these deals, the buying being done by his real estate agents. Mr. Fulton did not even draw a deed for any of the lands and never advised him in any way in the matter. But it kept the busy-bodies out of mischief and gave them something else to talk about besides the weather.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ben Wise of Ilwaco is in the city on business.

B. Bourglund of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

Victor J. Miller of Stella was in the city yesterday.

E. G. Case of Portland is registered at the Occident.

E. Z. Ferguson returned from Portland last evening.

John Pursey, a single man, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. L. Christmas is in the city visiting Mrs. J. Close.

Henry Fleckenstein of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Ivan Burkholder of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

N. A. Perry of Portland arrived in the city last evening.

A. H. Solomon of Portland is registered at the Occident.

R. L. Ford of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

M. M. Pillsbury of Portland arrived in the city last evening.

E. O. Seaborg came down from Eagle Cliff on last night's train.

C. H. Brown of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

Geo. W. Swart of Salem was in the city yesterday on business.

Frank Scott of Seaside was in the city yesterday on business.

Frank Scheidnagle and wife returned from Portland last evening.

Miss Gertrude Stockton of Portland is visiting friends in the city.

H. T. Groves and wife of Portland are visiting friends in the city.

Dr. Bayles Earle left for Olympia last evening on a business trip.

Mrs. J. T. Nassa and daughter of Cathlamet were in the city yesterday.

W. N. Meserve, the Grays River merchant, was in the city yesterday on business.

F. D. Keutner, who has been in Albany the past few days on business, is expected home today.

Hon. J. Bruce Polworth, a law student with M. Gorman, was in the city yesterday on business.

Sylvester Farrell of Portland was in the city yesterday attending a meeting of the Oregon pilots' commission and left for home last evening.

Matt Anderson, who has been in the employ of the Knappton mills left last evening with his family for Mississippi where he will in the future reside.

J. C. Swope came down from Portland last evening and has accepted a position with B. F. Allen & Son.

P. Lawler returned yesterday from Seaside. He has prepared plans for a new building on the corner of Main and Bridge streets in the store now occupied by F. Dresser & Co., and will soon award a contract for building a new two-story building. The new building will be 75x30 feet and will be modern in every detail. Dresser & Co. have made arrangements to lease the new building for a term of years.

Standing room was at a premium at the Star theater last evening. The trained bears perform some wonderful and comical feats and are certainly a great attraction. The Cardownie sisters are certainly artists and give a very meritorious performance. Their dancing is superior to anything ever witnessed in the city. Russel and Derrinnie, the contortionists, are certainly marvels, and keep the audience in good humor. The bill at the Star this week is one of the best ever presented and that it is appreciated is attested by crowded houses.

Lodge Entertainment.
At the close of the meeting of Gateway tent of the Maccabees last evening the Lady Maccabees and friends, to the number of about 60 stormed the castle, and the Sir Knights surrendered. The ladies brought along an abundance of good things and an orchestra. After serving a delightful lunch, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

A. O. U. W. Notice.
The members of Seaside Lodge No. 12, Ancient Order of United Workmen, are hereby requested to assemble at the next regular meeting of that lodge, to be held at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Saturday, February 18, 1905, to consider business of the gravest financial importance.

By Order of the Lodge.
Attest: F. D. WINTON,
Recorder.

Elks, Notice.
Astoria Lodge, B. P. O. Elks will give a ladies social on the evening of Tuesday, February 21, for the Elks and families and lady friends. The ladies' committee has arranged an elaborate program for the evening's entertainment and every member is requested to come.

Committee.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.
Reopened Under New Management.
John Blasch has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

Loggers Attention!

AXES for \$1 each.

Commencing Monday, February 13, to Saturday, February 18,

inclusive, we will sell any axe that you see in our window and we have lots more like them for

\$1.00

The regular price of these axes was from \$1.25 to \$2.00 each.

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From 1-4 cent to \$2.50.

New Styles, Fine Assortment.

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ALL LEATHERS—BLUCHERS OR LACE.

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The Leading Shoe Dealers.

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Pale Bohemian Beer
Best In The Northwest

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On sale Tuesday Morning,
500 remnants of Carpet
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to ten yards in length at
One-Half Price.
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Complete House Furnishers.